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AMEMBASSY TEHRAN

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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: PINT, IZ, IR

SUBJECT: HIJACKING OF IRAQI AIRWAYS 737

1. ASSUME TEHRAN HAS PROVIDED DEPT DETAILS AVAILABLE THERE ON MARCH 1 HIJACKING OF IRAQI AIRWAYS 737 ON FLIGHT FROM MOSUL TO BAGHDAD. LITTLE INFO PUBLISHED HERE, BUT BOEING REP PROVIDED FOLLOWING ACCOUNT GARNERED FROM BOEING PERSONNEL AT AIRPORT:

2. THREE HIJACKERS, WHO WERE PRESUMABLY KURDISH, DEMANDED A/C GO TO TEHRAN. TEHRAN AIRPORT AUTHORITIES REFUSED PERMISSION FOR LANDING AND PLACED VEHICLES ON RUNWAYS. DESPITE OBSTRUCTIONS, PILOT WAS ABLE TO LAND. AFTER LANDING TWO IRAQI SECURITY GUARDS ON BOARD TRIED TO SUBDUE HIJACKERS AND GUN BATTLE BROKE OUT IN WHICH ONE HIJACKER AND ONE WOMAN WERE KILLED. SEVERAL OTHERS WOUNDED, TWO SERIOUSLY, BUT NUMBER UNKNOWN. TWO SURVIVING HIJACKERS ARE IN IRANIAN CUSTODY.

3. A/C RETURNED TO BAGHDAD MARCH 2 BUT BOEING TECHNICIANS WERE NOT PERMITTED TO EXAMINE IT FOR SEVERAL HOURS FOLLOWING IRAQI EXAMINATION. ONE BULLET PIERCED A/C AND 12 OTHERS EMBEDDED IN

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INTERIOR, PLUS UNSPECIFIED NUMBER IN SEATS. REPAIRS MADE AND

BOEING TECHNICIAN SIGNED OFF ON A/C AS AIR WORTHY SHORTLY THEREAFTER.

4. IRAQI PRESS HAS MADE NO MENTION OF IDENTITY OF DEMANDS OF
HIJACKERS.

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